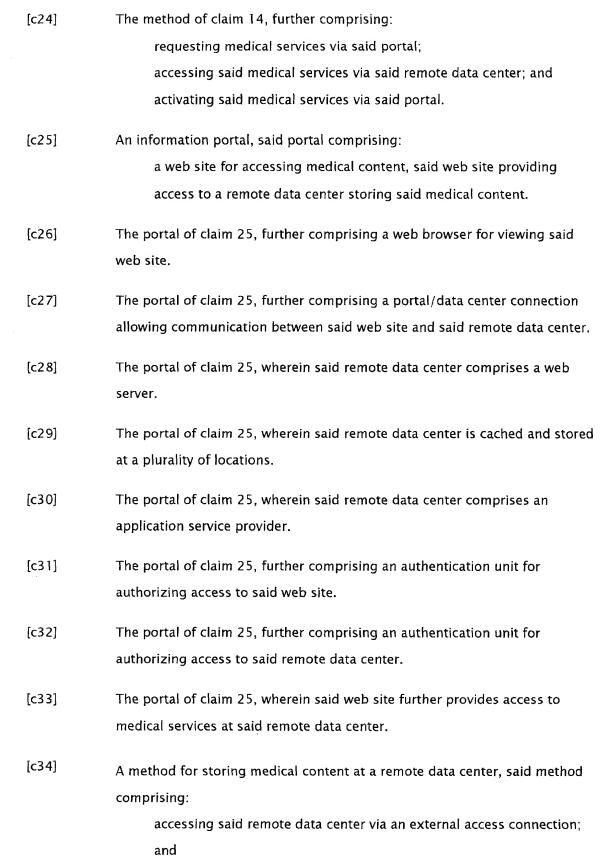# Claims

[c1]   A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:

        a remote data center for storing medical content, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;

        a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content; and

        a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.

[c2]   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal is accessible via a web browser.

[c3]   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

[c4]   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises a web server.

[c5]   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

[c6]   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

[c7]   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal allows said medical content to be stored at said remote data center.

[c8]   The system of claim 1, further comprising a web browser capable of accessing said portal.

[c9]   The system of claim 1, further comprising an external access connection for storing said medical content at said remote data center.

[c10]   The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said remote data center.

[c11]   The system of claim 1, further comprising an authentication unit for authorizing access to said portal.

[cl2]   The system of claim 1, wherein said remote data center further stores medical services.

[cl3]   The system of claim 1, wherein said portal further allows access to medical services.

[cl4]   A method for accessing medical content, said method comprising:
         accessing a portal;
         requesting said medical content via said portal; and
         retrieving said medical content from a remote data center.

[cl5]   The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.

[cl6]   The method of claim 14, wherein said data center comprises an application service provider.

[cl7]   The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

[cl8]   The method of claim 14, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content.

[cl9]   The method of claim 18, wherein said step of requesting comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.

[c20]   The method of claim 14, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

[c21]   The method of claim 14, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

[c22]   The method of claim 14, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.

[c23]   The method of claim 14, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieval of said medical content from said remote data center.

[c24]   The method of claim 14, further comprising:
          requesting medical services via said portal;
          accessing said medical services via said remote data center; and
          activating said medical services via said portal.

[c25]   An information portal, said portal comprising:
          a web site for accessing medical content, said web site providing
          access to a remote data center storing said medical content.

[c26]   The portal of claim 25, further comprising a web browser for viewing said
          web site.

[c27]   The portal of claim 25, further comprising a portal/data center connection
          allowing communication between said web site and said remote data center.

[c28]   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises a web
          server.

[c29]   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored
          at a plurality of locations.

[c30]   The portal of claim 25, wherein said remote data center comprises an
          application service provider.

[c31]   The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for
          authorizing access to said web site.

[c32]   The portal of claim 25, further comprising an authentication unit for
          authorizing access to said remote data center.

[c33]   The portal of claim 25, wherein said web site further provides access to
          medical services at said remote data center.

[c34]   A method for storing medical content at a remote data center, said method
          comprising:
          accessing said remote data center via an external access connection;
          and

storing said medical content at said remote data center.

[c35]   The method of claim 34, wherein said storing step further comprises authenticating said storing of said medical content at said remote data center.

[c36]   The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center comprises an application service provider.

[c37]   The method of claim 34, wherein said remote data center is cached and stored at a plurality of locations.

[c38]   The method of claim 34, further comprising:

accessing a portal to request said medical content from said remote data center; and

retrieving said medical content from said remote data center.

[c39]   The method of claim 38, further comprising the step of displaying said medical content via said portal.

[c40]   The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises a web site.

[c41]   The method of claim 38, wherein said portal comprises at least one link to said medical content.

[c42]   The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing said portal comprises selecting one of said at least one link at said portal.

[c43]   The method of claim 38, wherein said step of accessing a portal further comprises accessing a portal via a web browser.

[c44]   The method of claim 38, wherein said accessing step further comprises authenticating said access to said portal.

[c45]   The method of claim 38, wherein said retrieving step further comprises authenticating said retrieving said medical content from said remote data center.

[c46]   The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of updating a portal capable of accessing said medical content at said data center to reflect said storing of said medical content at said data center.

[c47]   The method of claim 34, further comprising the step of storing medical services at said remote data center.

[c48]   48. A centralized medical information system, said system comprising:
          a remote data center for storing medical content and medical services, said remote data center remotely accessible by a portal;
          a portal capable of accessing said remote data center to retrieve said medical content and medical services; and
          a portal/data center connection allowing communication between said portal and said remote data center.

[c49]   A web based centralized medical information system, said system comprising:
          a remote data center for storing medical content, said remote data center having a web server, said web server remotely accessible by a web site; and
          a web site capable of accessing said web server to retrieve said medical content.

[c50]   The system of claim 49, wherein said remote data center stores medical services.

[c51]   The system of claim 49, wherein said web site is capable of accessing said web server to retrieve medical services.